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AMENDMENT TO PATENT APPLICATION NUMBER 10/701,873 FILED  
11/05/2003 AND TITLED: Machine for piercing sheets of material in a variety of  
patterns using an adjustable apparatus.

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Add to section: "Brief Description of the drawings"

FIG 8 is a cross-sectional view of an adapter that can be used with prior art push  
button style paper punches.

FIG 9 is a cross-sectional view of an adapter that can be used with prior art lever-  
actuated paper punches.

Add two new paragraphs an the end of section titled " Detailed Description of the  
Preferred Embodiment"

One such other embodiment of the invention is illustrated in FIG 8 and FIG 9  
where adapters are utilized to add the adjustable feature of the invention to prior  
art punches. In FIG 8 an adapter for the push button style of paper punch is  
shown in cross section. The threaded hub 820 is a circular piece that is sized to  
fit over the push button 146 of a prior art paper punch. The threaded piece of  
hardware 800 is threaded to match the threaded section 810 of the threaded hub  
820 and in use is threaded into that threaded hub 820 until it protrudes through  
the threaded section 810 of the threaded hub 820 and contacts the push button  
146. As the user of the invention pushes the threaded hub 820, it pushes down  
on the button 146 until the lower edge 830 of the threaded hub 820 contacts the  
housing 151 of the push button punch thereby stopping and controlling the  
downward motion of that push button 146. By proper adjustment of the threaded  
hardware 800, the paper punch can be set to fully or partially punch out a pattern  
into a sheet of material. This then provides the same type of adjustment as  
described above in the preferred embodiment of the invention.

FIG 9 shows the same type of adapter for the lever-actuated style of punch  
where a suitably designed threaded assembly 900 is attached to the lever  
actuated punch below the lever 521 of that prior art punch. A threaded bolt 910  
is threaded into the matching threaded hole 920 pf the threaded assembly 900  
where it provides the same type of adjustment as described above in the  
description associated with FIG 5 where the threaded bolt 910 replaces the  
threaded pat 530 and the threaded assembly 900 replaces part 535.

In the section titled: "claims" add the following

31. An adapter designed to fit on a machine for piercing paper comprising:
  - an adjustable apparatus that can be moved by hand;
  - said adjustable apparatus acts as a stop to the downward motion of said machine thereby controlling the amount of the pattern of said machine that is cut into a sheet of material being pierced;
  - and said adapter can be attached to said machine.
- 32 An adapter as claimed in claim 31 that is attached to said machine by using a technique capable of being removed and reattached.
32. An adapter as claimed in claim 31 that is attached to said machine by using a technique that forms a permanent attachment to said machine.